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SUBJ: QUADRILATEMAL EXPERTS GROUP ON ARMS TRANSFERS

REF: STATE 183131

1. IN PAGNIEZ'S ABSENCE, POLITICAL COUNSELOR CARRIED OUT THE REFTEL INSTRUCTION WITH QUAI DIRECTOR FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS DE LABOULAYE ON AUGUST 9. DE LABOULAYE TOOK CAREFUL NOTE OF OUR COMMENTS, SAID THAT HE WOULD REPORT TO FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD AND OTHERS CONCERNED, AND GIVE US AN ANSWER IN DUE COURSE. BECAUSE OF THE AUGUST HOLIDAYS IT WOULD TAKE AWHILE.

2. SPEAKING PERSONALLY DE LABOULAYE RECALLED THE WELL-KNOWN POLITICAL AND BUREAUCRATIC SENSITIVITIES WITHIN THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT ON THE ARMS TRANSFER RESTRAINT ISSUE. HE MADE CLEAR HIS APPRECIATION OF THE IMPORTANCE WASHINGTON ATTACHES TO THIS MATTER. HE ASSUMES THAT THE US GOVERNMENT ALREADY KNOWS THE FORMAL SETUP IN PARIS FOR DECISION-MAKING IN THIS FIELD. HE WOULD, NEVERTHELESS, SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE ON THIS POINT.

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WITH REFERENCE TO THE GUIDELINES PROPOSED BY THE US, DE LABOULAYE SAID THAT THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT UNDOUBTEDLY HAS VIEWS. THE QUESTION IS WHETHER HE CAN GET CLEARANCE TO GIVE THEM TO US PRIOR TO THE US-SOVIET WORKING GROUP MEETING. HE WOULD DO HIS BEST BUT COULD GIVE NO GUARANTEE.  
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